



**Your Guide to Isle Royale National Park**  
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# Minong, the Good Place

Not a day goes by that I don't look to the east from Grand Portage, my eyes searching for the familiar low outline on the horizon; and wonder how soon before I am able to visit yet again.

Named Minong, or "the good place" by our Ojibway ancestors, this vast cluster of islands continues to be a part of our cultural heritage. The sinew that binds us all to Minong is a deep respect and gratitude for this remarkable environment.

With the acknowledgment in 2019 of Isle Royale as a Traditional Cultural Property of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the islands now loom much closer than the actual sixteen nautical miles from our northern shore. This designation becomes tinder for our imaginations; beckoning us to connect with the past and to craft new relationships with those who are its current keepers.

Through thousands and thousands of years it has always been hard to get to Minong. For our ancestors, land rich in resources offered the promise of copper, food, and medicine which outweighed any hardship. Today's visitors seek other rewards.

Whether you arrive by water, air, or as did my great-grandfather, by dogsled over a frozen bridge of ice, the feeling upon landing remains much the same. Whether new acquaintance or old friend, "The Good Place" embraces you and invites you in.

Rick Anderson  
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

## Welcome to Isle Royale National Park

A dear friend of mine had a theory about National Park Service employees. He believed that they imprint on the place they most closely identify with—oftentimes their "first" park. Much like first love, he'd say, in terms of depth of feeling and passion. While that was certainly true for him, I have had a series of loving relationships with the amazing places where I have been privileged to live and work. Last fall I began my acquaintance with "the island" and I am excited to deepen that rapport.

As I write, it has been snowing here on the Keweenaw Peninsula for days. When not working or skiing, I am preparing for the summer season and

for moving to the island. Winter nights offer plenty of time to pore over maps and routes and read stories of island life. Boats, paddles, and life jackets have been bought; our fishing poles found.

Here's to a wonderful new relationship with Minong! Whether you are a first-time visitor or have generational ties to the island, I look forward to learning about your connections to this special place as I continue to develop my own.

Denice Swanke, Superintendent

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# Treasured Island

One of the privileges of being an Isle Royale ranger is greeting the familiar faces of returning visitors. The island has an intimacy that holds people close. A first visit is rarely a last.

For some, like these island devotees, Isle Royale’s landscape and waterscape soak into their identity.

Share in their stories and deepen your connections to place.

## Maintaining Memories

From the time before I could walk Isle Royale has been a part of my life. My father was raised there. My grandfather was raised there. My great-grandfather and great-grandmother immigrated from Norway to commercially fish on the island.

During my childhood, my father worked in Duluth and every summer he would pack my mother, my sisters and myself into *Picnic*—our family boat. We would spend a month traveling around the island: camping and visiting friends at Crystal Cove, Edisen Fishery, Fisherman’s Home, and with family in Washington Harbor. Some of the best days of my life have been spent cruising in *Picnic*.

*Picnic* is a 24-foot open wooden boat built in 1949. In 1980 my dad stepped through the bottom of *Picnic*. . .and passed it down to me. Little did I know what a learning process owning a wood boat would be.

In past years, I have assisted the park by restoring other old boats from around the island. While working on these boats, I felt connected to those who sailed them—in treacherous rough waters and on glorious calm seas. Restoring vessels preserves these memories for others to experience.

*Picnic* will be ready this summer to return to the island. Once again, she’ll make her home port at Washington Island, where I’ll be working on preserving dwellings that have been part of my family’s story since 1890, plus other buildings around the harbor that are part of Isle Royale’s legacy. Once again she’ll ply the waters reliving memories and making new ones.

It has been my sincere privilege and honor to be part of the preservation of history, and I feel truly blessed and thankful for these opportunities.

Jeff Sivertson

## Forging a Superior Friendship

August 30, 1982, my husband and I arrived in Grand Portage to board a charter boat bound for the park. The wilderness island is renown as a backpacking, kayaking, fishing paradise. Our goal was different, Isle Royale’s sunken treasures—shipwrecks!

That trip opened up a whole new world for us. A few years later I would board the charter boat *Superior Diver*, but not as a passenger. I was now her Captain. The island had reeled me in. . .hook, line, and sinker.

Early on, most of my time was spent on or in the water, a slightly different perspective than many. I was often looking back at the island. Taking in sheer rocky cliffs, inlets and bays, lighthouses—stunning scenery everywhere.

But, below the surface there was much to see as well. A Ford Model T aboard the steamship *America*, a glass jug of curdled milk in the freighter *Emperor*’s galley, a pocket watch among the wreckage of *Glenlyon*, and even a perfume bottle on the passenger steamer *George M. Cox*.

I vividly remember our first dive on the *Congdon* stern. The most amazing sight was a perfect ruffled milk glass light fixture with an intact bulb. Next to it was the shattered wall of the galley. How was that even possible? When back on our boat, Ron and I looked at each other and both exclaimed “Wow! Did you see that?”

Yes, I have hundreds of dives on Isle Royale shipwrecks, yet I have never tired of them. As we pull up to a dive site, gear up, and head down; I feel like I am greeting an old friend who still has so much more to share with me.

Captain Jacqueline Polomski



# Finding Safe Harbor

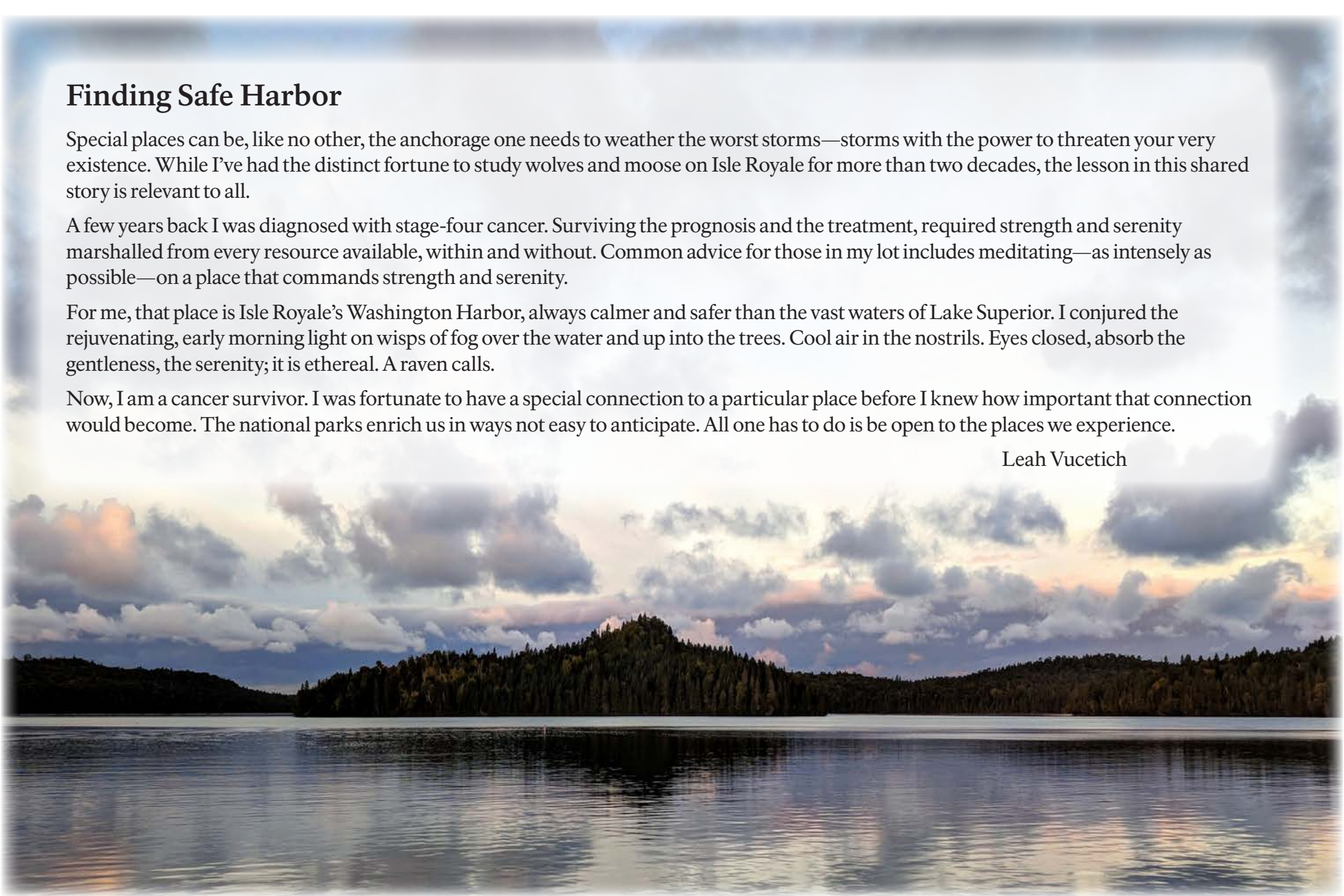
Special places can be, like no other, the anchorage one needs to weather the worst storms—storms with the power to threaten your very existence. While I’ve had the distinct fortune to study wolves and moose on Isle Royale for more than two decades, the lesson in this shared story is relevant to all.

A few years back I was diagnosed with stage-four cancer. Surviving the prognosis and the treatment, required strength and serenity marshalled from every resource available, within and without. Common advice for those in my lot includes meditating—as intensely as possible—on a place that commands strength and serenity.

For me, that place is Isle Royale’s Washington Harbor, always calmer and safer than the vast waters of Lake Superior. I conjured the rejuvenating, early morning light on wisps of fog over the water and up into the trees. Cool air in the nostrils. Eyes closed, absorb the gentleness, the serenity; it is ethereal. A raven calls.

Now, I am a cancer survivor. I was fortunate to have a special connection to a particular place before I knew how important that connection would become. The national parks enrich us in ways not easy to anticipate. All one has to do is be open to the places we experience.

Leah Vucetich



## Cherish Your Connections

In an uncertain and changing world, national parks provide places of refuge and renewal. Our connections to these special places sustain and nurture us.

Though protected as a national park and a federally-designated wilderness, Isle Royale will also find refuge in you. Only with shared commitment and passion will Isle Royale Stay Wild.

# Do you suffer from Island Topophilia?

## Signs and Symptoms

- Spending hours poring over maps planning your next adventure
- Referring to “the island” and not specifying Isle Royale
- Hearing the white-throated sparrow’s song in your sleep
- Ability to pronounce “amygdaloid”
- Checking webcams daily
- Devoting the winter to dreaming of your park

There is no known cure for Island Topophilia...but that’s not really a bad thing, is it?  
Join the community of Isle Royale enthusiasts and share your own signs and symptoms at [www.facebook.com/isleroyalenps](https://www.facebook.com/isleroyalenps).





# Know Before You Go

Lake Superior and the island’s wilderness present challenges and hazards to the inexperienced or ill-prepared. Keep a conservative trip plan. Be self-sufficient. Bring more than you need in case of unexpected delays. Bring a first aid kit, a supply of any needed medications, and clothing appropriate for the time of year and planned activities.

## Wilderness is not Immune to COVID-19

Face masks are required in buildings and outdoors when social distance cannot be maintained. This includes docks and campgrounds.

Social distance from those not in your party.

Practice backcountry hygiene. Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. Use soap at least 50 steps away from any water source.

## Emergencies

Basic emergency services are available on the island, but contacting rangers can be difficult. Emergency response and evacuation take time, requiring you to rely on your own skills and equipment. Most private boaters have radios and may be able to contact rangers in an emergency.

Cell phone service is unreliable; do not depend on it.

To contact the park in an emergency: 440-546-5945

## Drinking Water

Potable water is only available in Rock Harbor and Windigo. Early and late season visitors should plan for no potable water anywhere on-island.

Lake Superior and interior park waters should be considered non-potable.

<b>Purify Water:</b> Use one of these methods:		
• Physical Purifier: Use one that is rated to remove viruses		
• Water Filter (0.4 microns or finer)	+	Chemical Treatment Use tablets or bleach
• Water Filter (0.4 microns or finer)	+	UV Treatment Use a UV purifier
• Boil: At a rolling boil for at least one minute		

# Play it Safe

## Watch the Weather

Weather and lake conditions can deteriorate quickly and unexpectedly. Fog and waves can create dangerous conditions for boaters and paddlers.

**Hypothermia** can occur any time, especially near Lake Superior. Best defense: Stay warm and dry. Dress in layers and don raingear before you get wet. Shivering, apathy, and coordination loss indicate mild hypothermia. If someone shows these signs, warm and dry the person, add more layers, climb in a sleeping bag, and sip warm liquids.

## Dehydration

Drink plenty of water. When dehydrated, you tire more quickly, do not think clearly, and are more prone to fall. Dehydration is a factor in most medical problems experienced in the park.

Water is scarce between campgrounds, especially along ridges. Carry a minimum two quarts of water per person; drink and refill whenever near water sources. In hot weather start hiking early and travel at a slower pace. In cold weather dehydration occurs as people do not feel thirsty and drink less.

Watch for mild signs of dehydration: thirst, fatigue, headache, and dizziness. Severe dehydration includes: nausea and reduced or no sweating.

## On the Trail

**Watch Your Step!** The footing is often uneven. Roots and rocks can trip the unwary hiker. When wet, trails are muddy; roots, rocks, and boardwalks are extremely slippery.

**Stay on the Path:** As you travel, you may encounter obstructions. Go over or under downed trees, through puddles and mud. Skirting obstructions widens or creates new trails, impacting habitat.

**Wheeled vehicles** (except for non-motorized wheelchairs) or other mechanical transportation are not allowed outside developed areas at Rock Harbor and Windigo. This includes bicycles and portaging devices.

**Plan Conservatively:** Many people underestimate hiking travel times and overestimate their abilities. Plan shorter, realistic travel days; don’t turn your wilderness experience into a forced march.

**Be Kind to Your Feet:** Wear sturdy, well-broken-in boots. Address hot spots and small blisters right away, before they become problems. Pamper your feet after hiking: Soak them in a lake and wear comfy shoes in camp.

## Toxic Water Alert

Algal blooms have occurred in interior lakes. Blue-green algae can be toxic and purifying does not remove toxins from the water. Avoid drinking, swimming, and fishing if water has a cloudy blue cast or looks like “pea soup.” If algal blooms occur, advisories will be posted.

# Share the Space

Show Respect. Observe, photograph, and enjoy park wildlife from a safe and respectful distance. If an animal changes its behavior, you are too close. It is illegal to feed, touch, tease, or intentionally disturb wildlife, their homes, nests, or activities.

**Loons** are especially susceptible to disturbance, and may abandon their shoreline nests when approached too closely. From May through July 15 (loon nesting season) visitors must stay at least 150' away from small islands and from nests along the shore. If a loon cries out, you are too close.

**Moose** are large and potentially dangerous animals. Always give them wide berth. If you encounter a moose, step behind a tree and wait for the moose to move on. Throughout the spring and summer, female moose are rearing young and are very protective. Never get between a cow and her calf. During fall rut, bull moose are often aggressive.

**Wolves** are rarely encountered. Respect them by keeping your distance and ending any encounters quickly. Report wolf sightings to a ranger.



**Insects**

Expect mosquitos and black flies to peak in June or July. During wet summers, mosquitos continue into August. Bring repellent, netting, or other skin barriers.

Dry summers often result in an abundance of wasps. Bring an epinephrine kit if allergic to stings.

**Pets**

Dogs, cats, and other mammals are not allowed, including pets on boats within park boundaries, which extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park. Visitors bringing pets to the park will be required to leave immediately. Pets disturb wildlife and can transmit diseases. Special conditions apply to service dogs. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/service-dogs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/service-dogs.htm).



# Protect Your Park

Minimize your impact to protect the park's wilderness character for use and enjoyment by all.

## Help Isle Royale Stay Wild

Adventure, simple living, and solitude are important components of an Isle Royale visit. To ensure these experiences, visitors should be familiar with skills and habits that foster a Leave No Trace ethic. Visit [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org).

## Leave What You Find

Removing, possessing, or disturbing park resources is prohibited. Antlers, plants, driftwood, cultural or archeological objects, rocks/minerals including those in Lake Superior must be left where found. Fishing and picking small quantities of berries/mushrooms for consumption are allowed.

Graffiti and the building of cairns (rock piles) mars the park for other visitors. Leave the park as you find it.

## Quiet, Please

Most visitors come to Isle Royale to hear the sounds of nature in a wild setting. Be aware of your volume so others may enjoy peace and solitude.

**Quiet Hours** are between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am eastern time. If people in adjacent campsites can hear your activities, you are being too loud.

**Audible use of electronic devices** such as stereos, televisions, radios, cellphones, and tablets is not permitted except in the developed areas of Rock Harbor and Windigo, and in Lake Superior waters outside of designated quiet/no wake zones.

**Portable Generators** are prohibited in most areas of the park.

## Minimize Use of Fires

Campfires are permitted at a handful of campgrounds (see page 6). A backpacking stove is highly recommended. A metal fire ring or grate is provided where campfires are allowed; never build your own ring.

**Use Dead and Down Wood** no bigger around than your wrist. Do not break branches or strip bark from standing trees, live or dead. Trash has no place in a backcountry fire. Do not import firewood; insects and pathogens from infected wood could devastate Isle Royale's forests.

**Be Safe With Fire:** Keep your fire small and burn down to ash; be sure the fire is completely out before leaving it.

## Keep the Island Clean

**Practice Proper Food Storage:** Keep a clean camp. To protect your food from wildlife seal it in scent-proof containers and secure. Hard-sided containers are preferred, but using doubled zip-lock bags is appropriate. Animals will steal unattended food and other items.

**Trash:** All trash and leftover food (including peels, cores, and nutshells) must be packed out. Trash and food scraps must not be burned, buried, or placed in outhouses. Carry a zip-lock bag for securing small pieces of trash.

**Human Waste Disposal:** Use outhouses. Never defecate within 100' (at least 50 steps) of lakes, streams, or campsites. In areas without outhouses, dig a cathole 6" to 8" deep; after use, cover with soil. Urinate on durable surfaces, like rocks or bare soil, away from water sources and campsites.

**Cookware Cleaning:** Wash dishes at least 100' from water sources and campsites. Even biodegradable soap take a long time to degrade. Use a strainer to remove food bits and pack them out with your trash. Disperse remaining water away from water sources and campsites.

**Bathing:** Get wet, then move at least 100' away from all water sources and campsites to lather and rinse. Use soap sparingly, if necessary.

## Park Regulations

The regulations of Isle Royale National Park are intended to protect park resources and appropriate visitor experiences. Regulations place strong emphasis on preserving wilderness character and values. Visitors are responsible for adhering to park regulations.

For detailed information on park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm).

**No Drone Zone:** Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on lands and waters of the park is prohibited.

**Weapons, Traps, & Nets:** The use or possession of weapons, traps, and nets is prohibited. Weapons include any implements designed to discharge a projectile or missile in the air or water and include slingshots, blowguns, and bows and arrows. Fireworks are prohibited.

Exception: Possession of firearms within the park is regulated by Michigan law. The discharge of firearms within park boundaries is prohibited.

**Marijuana Prohibited:** While recreational and medical marijuana are now legal in many states, marijuana remains illegal on federal lands including Isle Royale National Park.

## Zebra Mussels Not Welcome



Surprise!!!  
3000 of my best friends  
are here to par-tee!  
These plankton platters  
are deeeelish!



Ah, Snap!  
We've been  
plucked and  
captured!

In 2018 several thousand invasive zebra mussels were removed from Isle Royale docks. Due to park removal efforts, fewer were found in 2019. But our work to prevent the spread is ongoing.

Going *my* way?  
Just waiting for a  
boot so I can spread  
my 100,000 seeds  
down your  
trails...

## Bull Thistles are Bullies



Bull thistle is aggressively invasive, spreading along trails ever further into wilderness. The park monitors, maps, and tries to remove this and other target species that outcompete native island plants.

## What Can You Do?

### Clean Before Arrival

- Boots, gear, and vessels must be clean and free of plants, fish, animals, dirt, and mud.

### Clean During Your Trip

- After filtering Lake Superior water, change or clean your water filter before using it inland.
- Non-motorized vessels and fishing gear must be cleaned appropriately if moving inland.

### Report

- Report sightings of any invasives to a ranger.







Do not use this map for navigation.

CANADA  
UNITED STATES

ONTARIO  
MICHIGAN

LAKE SUPERIOR

Voyageur II

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo  
22mi/35km  
2 hours one-way

Sea Hunter III

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo  
22mi/35km  
1.5 hours one-way

Voyageur II

During its clockwise circumnavigation, Voyageur II provides drop-off and pick-up services at several locations. See page 11.

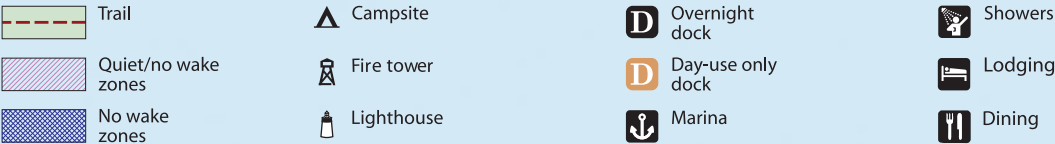
Minong Trail Closure  
Huginnin Cove Junction to  
Hatchet Lake Junction  
Opening June 15, 2021



Seaplane

Hancock, MI, to Windigo  
61mi/98km  
35-45 minutes one-way

Grand Marais, MN, to Windigo  
57mi/91km  
30 minutes one-way



Campgrounds

CR - Fires in community ring only  
S - Self-contained stoves only  
W - Treated water supply  
F - Campfire rings or standing grills provided

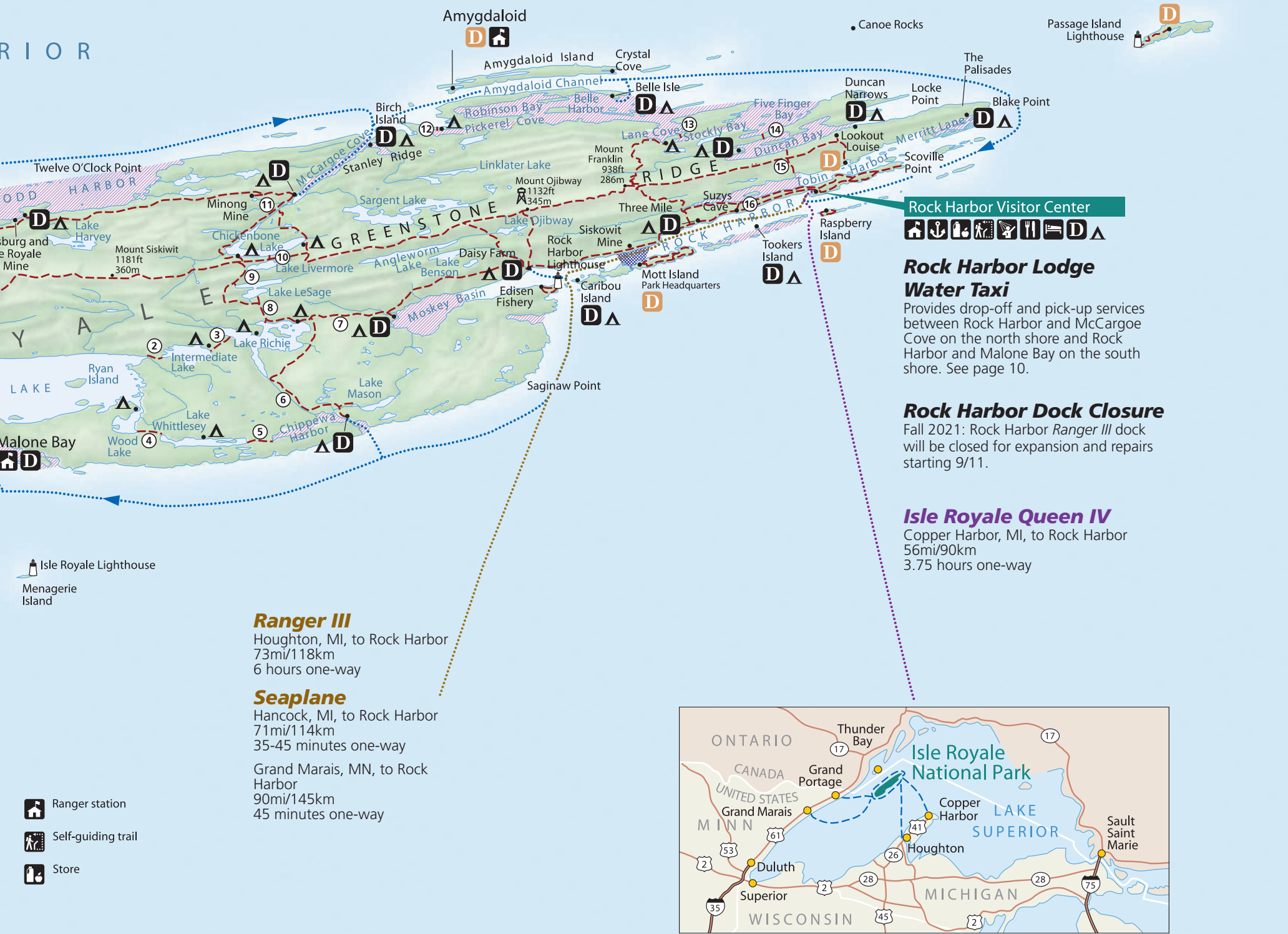
	Consecutive Nights Stay Limit 6/1 - Labor Day (except Rock Harbor)	Individual Tent Sites	Shelters	Group Tent Sites	Special Information	Depth at Dock Normal Conditions	On-board Generator Use Allowed
Beaver Island	3	0	3	0	S	2' – 5'	yes
Belle Isle	5	1	6	0	F	13'	yes
Birch Island	3	1	1	0	S	5'	no
Caribou Island	3	1	2	0	CR	10'	yes
Chickenbone E	2	3	0	1	S	–	–
Chickenbone W	2	6	0	3	S	–	–
Chippewa Harbor	3	2	4	1	F	7'	no
Daisy Farm	3	6	16	3	S	9'	no
Desor N	2	3	0	0	S	–	–
Desor S	2	7	0	3	S	–	–
Duncan Bay	3	1	2	0	F	6'	no
Duncan Narrows	3	1	2	0	F	6'	no
Feldtmann Lake	2	5	0	2	S	–	–
Grace Island	3	0	2	0	S	2' – 4'	yes
Hatchet Lake	2	5	0	3	S	–	–
Hay Bay	3	1	0	0	S	3' – 7'	yes
Huginnin Cove	3	5	0	0	S	–	–
Intermediate Lake	2	3	0	0	S	–	–
Island Mine	3	4	0	2	F	–	–
Lake Richie	2	4	0	2	S	–	–
Lake Richie/Canoe	2	3	0	0	S	–	–
Lake Whittlesey	2	3	0	0	S	–	–
Lane Cove	3	5	0	0	S	–	–
Little Todd	2	4	0	0	F	–	–
Malone Bay	3	0	5	2	F	3' – 6'	yes
McCargoe Cove	3	3	6	3	CR	7'	no
Merritt Lane	3	1	1	0	S	8'	no
Moskey Basin	3	2	6	2	S	8'	no
Pickerel Cove	2	1	0	0	S	–	–
Rock Harbor	1*	11	9	3	S-W	–	–
Rock Harbor Marina	14	0	0	0	F-W	3' – 12'	yes
Siskiwit Bay	3	4	2	3	CR	2' – 6'	no
Three Mile	1	4	8	3	S	9'	no
Tobin Harbor Dock	5	0	0	0	S	3' – 8'	yes
Todd Harbor	3	5	1	3	CR	2'	no
Tookers Island	3	0	2	0	S	7'	no
Washington Creek (Windigo)	3	5	10	4	S-W	–	–
Windigo Dock	5	0	0	0	S	4' – 20'	yes
Wood Lake	2	3	0	0	S	–	–

\*Rock Harbor one night stay limit in effect 6/1 - 9/15.

Canoe Portages

Distance•Elevation Change•Comment

- ① Malone Bay - Siskiwit Lake  
0.3 mile, 40' Gradual Slope
- ② Siskiwit Lake - Intermediate Lake  
0.4 mile, 40' Gradual ups and downs
- ③ Intermediate Lake - Lake Richie  
0.6 mile, 120' Hilly and wooded
- ④ Wood Lake - Lake Whittlesey  
0.6 mile, 80' Rolling
- ⑤ Lake Whittlesey - Chippewa Harbor  
0.6 mile, 140' Steep grades and rocky
- ⑥ Chippewa Harbor - Lake Richie  
1.2 miles, 160' Hilly
- ⑦ Moskey Basin - Lake Richie  
2.0 miles, 120' Gradual but long
- ⑧ Lake Richie - Lake LeSage  
0.6 mile, 100' Steep grades, wet
- ⑨ Lake LeSage - Lake Livermore  
0.4 mile, 80' Steep grades, wet
- ⑩ Lake Livermore - Chickenbone Lake  
0.2 mile, 40' Steep but short
- ⑪ Chickenbone Lake - McCargoe Cove  
1.2 miles, 80' Hilly
- ⑫ Pickerel Cove  
0.1 mile, 10' Short and sweet
- ⑬ Lane Cove - Stockly Bay  
0.1 mile, 8' Short and sweet
- ⑭ Five Finger Bay - Duncan Bay  
0.2 mile, 8' Short and sweet
- ⑮ Duncan Bay - Tobin Harbor  
0.8 mile, 175' Extremely steep
- ⑯ Tobin Harbor - Rock Harbor  
0.2 mile, 40' Gradual up and down



Trail Mileages

Chickenbone E	Chickenbone W	Chippewa Harbor	Daisy Farm	Desor N	Desor S	Feldtmann Lake	Hatchet Lake	Huginnin Cove	Island Mine	Lake Richie	Lane Cove	Little Todd	Malone Bay	McCargoe Cove	Moskey Basin	Rock Harbor	Siskiwit Bay	Three Mile	Todd Harbor	Washington Creek - Windigo	
-	1.8	9.3	6.1	19.6	16.4	35.8	9.3	30.3	21.3	5.0	10.9	15.6	19.6	2.3	7.3	13.3	25.7	10.5	8.7	27.1	Chickenbone E
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6.1	7.9	9.7	-	26.0	22.5	41.9	15.4	37.3	27.4	5.8	6.9	21.5	27.2	8.2	3.9	7.1	31.8	4.4	14.9	33.2	Daisy Farm
19.6	19.8	27.3	26.0	-	20.0	21.4	12.3	14.4	18.6	23.0	30.8	5.7	23.2	18.0	25.3	33.1	23.0	30.4	11.4	12.6	Desor N
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21.3	19.9	27.2	27.4	18.6	5.5	14.6	13.0	10.0	-	23.1	32.2	20.4	15.7	22.6	25.4	34.3	4.4	31.6	16.7	6.6	Island Mine
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10.9	12.7	16.6	6.9	30.8	27.3	46.7	20.2	41.2	32.2	12.7	-	26.5	30.5	13.0	10.8	6.9	36.6	4.6	19.5	38.3	Lane Cove
15.6	16.2	22.6	21.5	5.7	15.5	26.1	7.8	19.1	20.4	18.5	26.5	-	18.7	13.5	22.1	28.6	24.8	25.9	7.0	17.3	Little Todd
19.6	18.2	25.7	27.2	23.2	10.8	30.3	11.3	24.9	15.7	21.4	30.5	18.7	-	20.9	23.7	34.3	20.1	31.6	15.0	21.5	Malone Bay
2.3	2.7	10.6	8.2	18.0	17.7	37.1	10.7	31.8	22.6	6.3	13.0	13.5	20.9	-	8.4	15.3	27.0	12.6	6.7	28.4	McCargoe Cove
7.3	5.9	6.2	3.9	25.3	20.5	40.1	13.4	34.6	25.4	2.3	10.8	22.1	23.7	8.4	-	11.0	29.8	8.3	15.1	31.0	Moskey Basin
13.3	14.8	16.8	7.1	33.1	29.4	49.0	22.3	44.4	34.3	12.9	6.9	28.6	34.3	15.3	11.0	-	38.7	2.7	22.2	40.1	Rock Harbor
25.7	24.3	31.6	31.8	23.0	9.9	10.3	17.4	14.4	4.4	27.5	36.6	24.8	20.1	27.0	29.8	38.7	-	36.0	21.1	11.0	Siskiwit Bay
10.5	12.5	14.1	4.4	30.4	26.7	46.3	19.8	41.7	31.6	10.2	4.6	25.9	31.6	12.6	8.3	2.7	36.0	-	19.5	37.8	Three Mile
8.7	9.3	17.3	14.9	11.4	11.8	31.8	4.1	24.8	16.7	13.0	19.5	7.0	15.0	6.7	15.1	22.2	21.1	19.5	-	23.0	Todd Harbor
27.1	25.7	33.0	33.2	12.6	11.3	8.8	18.8	4.0	6.6	28.9	38.3	17.3	21.5	28.4	31.0	40.1	11.0	37.8	23.0	-	Washington Creek



# Things to Do

## Hiking

Miles of trail wind through forests and hug the shoreline, climb steeply to ridgetop views, and descend into wetlands. Ninety-nine percent of the park’s land base is designated wilderness that beckons you to explore.

## Camping

Thirty-six campgrounds are scattered throughout the park. Campsites are accessible only by foot or watercraft. All campgrounds have tent sites, outhouses, and are near a water source. Many of the campgrounds located on the Lake Superior shoreline offer docks, shelters, and picnic tables.

**Camping Permits** are required for all overnight stays at campgrounds, cross-country sites, docks, or at anchor.

### Group Camping (seven or more people)

Advance reservations are required for any group or organization, including families and friends traveling together, bringing seven or more people to the island (see below).

### Small-party Camping (six or fewer people)

All small-party campsites contain either tent sites or a three-sided shelter. Shelters and tent sites for individual small parties are available first come, first served. Expect crowded campsites from mid-July through mid-September. Expect to have conversations about sharing tent sites.

### How to Select a Campsite During COVID-19

1. At a campground, camp at a designated tent site or occupy a shelter.
2. When all campground sites are occupied, share a tent site if social distancing can be maintained.
3. When all campground sites are occupied and there are no viable tent sites to share, use the identified overflow group campsite (if present).
4. When options 1-3 are full, camp outside of campground per cross-country camping regulations and zone map.

**Shelters:** Shelters may not be reserved and may not be used solely for cooking or gear storage. To minimize damage to vegetation, tents and hammocks may not be erected outside shelters; tents may be used inside shelters. Using nails, staples, tacks, and/or tape to attach items to shelters is prohibited.

**Hammocks:** In campgrounds, hammocks may only be used within the existing impacted area of designated tent sites and not in the surrounding trees. Hammocks may not be hung at shelter sites or inside shelters. Permissible hammock locations may not be available; plan on bringing a tent. Choose trees with care; many cannot support a hammock. Hammock use must not damage trees.

### Cross-Country Camping zones have changed in 2021.

Terrain and vegetation make off-trail hiking and camping difficult. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/cross-country-camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/cross-country-camping.htm).

## Group Camping

Want to bring seven or more people to camp in the park? Advance reservations are required for any group or organization, including families and friends traveling together, bringing seven or more people to the island.

If your group exceeds ten people, you must split into two parties, each independent and traveling on completely separate itineraries. This means that groups with small parties cannot camp in the same campground at the same time and cannot travel the same route within a half mile of each other.

Organizations may not have more than twenty people camping on the island at any one time and are limited to eighty people a year.

Group leaders should carry medical information for each member including known allergies, medical conditions, and medications currently taken.

## How to Make A Group Camping Reservation Request

1. All group camping reservations must be made in advance.
2. Check out the group camping website: [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/group-camping-introduction.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/group-camping-introduction.htm).



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## Boating

Hundreds of islands and surrounding Lake Superior waters are within the boundaries of the park. Numerous docks and countless anchorages provide access for power and sailboats.

**Plan Ahead:** All boaters should make themselves familiar with information in the Isle Royale Boating Guide. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm).

**Lake Superior** offers challenging and often dangerous weather: fog, high winds, waves, and thunderstorms. Combine rocky reefs and limited safe harbors with Isle Royale’s remoteness, and it pays for you, your crew, and your boat to be shipshape.

**Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species:** Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters (extending 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park). Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at [stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/prevention](http://stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/prevention).

**Day Use:** Boaters visiting the park or park waters for the day are required to pay entrance fees (see page 12) and are encouraged to fill out a day permit at Windigo, Rock Harbor, or Houghton. Call (906) 482-0984.

**Overnight Stays:** Boaters staying overnight at anchor, at docks, or in campgrounds must obtain a permit

**Obtaining a Permit:** It is recommended for boaters to permit ahead of their trip. Call (906) 482-0984.

### Restricted Water Activities:

- Water skiing and personal watercraft including vessels referred to as Jet Skis, Waverunners, or Sea-dos are prohibited in all park waters.
- Vessels with motors (even if not in use) are prohibited on interior lakes and streams.

**Quiet/No Wake Zones:** These zones promote quality visitor experience by providing relatively tranquil, natural marine surroundings. Within the zone, vessels must not exceed 5 mph or create a wake in excess of surrounding seas. Consult [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/quiet-no-wake.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/quiet-no-wake.htm) (see pages 6 and 7).

**On-Board Generators:** The operation or use of permanently installed (by the boat manufacturer) on-board vessel generators is limited to specific times and locations. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm).

**Portable Generators** are prohibited in most areas of the park.

**Fuel:** Vessels carrying spare fuel in portable containers must use legally approved containers. Fuel may not be stored on docks.

Gasoline and diesel fuel are sold at Rock Harbor and Windigo when Isle Royale Resort stores are open (see page 10). Early and late season fuel may be obtained at Windigo and Mott Island if personnel are available.



## Customs

All vessels arriving from Canada (US or Canadian) must clear US Customs at the Windigo or Rock Harbor Visitor Center during regular business hours.

A valid passport, US Passport card, enhanced driver’s license, or Trusted Traveler Program card is required. US citizens who have made any purchases abroad, and visitors from Canada, can be cleared for Isle Royale only. For additional information visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov).



# Things to Do

## Paddling

With numerous lakes, bays, and islands, the park provides miles of waterways for the experienced canoeist and kayaker.

**Route Considerations:** Lake Superior is well-known for its cold waters, fog, and sudden, wave-generating squalls. Small, open vessels are encouraged to use interior lake waterways instead.

**Requirements:** Every paddler must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Wear it; your life may depend on it.

### Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

- Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters. Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at [stopaquaticinvasive.org/prevention](http://stopaquaticinvasive.org/prevention).
- Before moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, wipe down your boat and gear.

**Weather:** Consult the marine forecast at visitor centers before embarking. Be prepared to adjust your schedule. A portable marine radio is recommended for overnight trips.

**Interior Lake Canoe Routes and Portages** are on the northeast half of the island. Portages are marked with a letter “P” on a post (see page 6).

**Portaging Devices** are not allowed in wilderness.

**Boat Rentals** are available at Windigo and Rock Harbor. Contact Isle Royale Resorts for more information (see page 10).

## Diving

Experienced divers can explore the National Park Service's most intact collection of shipwrecks.

**Dive Permits** are required. Each diver must permit at Houghton, Rock Harbor, or Windigo before diving.

**Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species:** Wash all gear in warm, chlorinated tap water. Dry for seven days before entering park waters.

To learn more visit: [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/scuba-diving.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/scuba-diving.htm).



## Fishing in the Park? Take part in the 2021 Creel Survey

A creel survey is a record of a single day's fishing effort, providing details on what an angler caught, released, and time spent fishing. The survey will collect information on numbers and sizes of fish caught and harvested in park waters. The results will help park biologists determine angler use patterns, catch and harvest rates, and seasonal patterns.

### Three Ways to Participate:

- Fill out a paper survey form, available at visitor centers and onboard *Ranger III*.
- Chat with park biologists who will be interviewing anglers at docks and interior lakes.
- Complete an online survey, available on the park website starting May 2021.

## Fishing

With its multitude of reefs and bays on Lake Superior and its numerous interior lakes and streams, Isle Royale provides varied opportunities for recreational fishing.

### Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

- Before your island trip, clean fishing gear and change line spools.
- When moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, clean gear and change line spools.

### Lake Superior Waters

- A Michigan fishing license is required for fishing in Lake Superior, including bays and harbors, and when transporting fish from island to mainland. Youth age 17 years or younger may fish without a license.
- Transporting fish or fish parts for use as bait to the park is prohibited. Possession or use of bait for fishing within Lake Superior park waters is limited to fish and/or fish parts caught within park waters.

### Interior Lakes and Streams

- Licenses are not required to fish on Isle Royale's interior waters.
- Barbless hooks and artificial lures only in all interior lakes and streams.

**Possession Limits** are usually the same as those set by the State of Michigan. Refer to Michigan fishing regulations for possession limits and detailed license requirements for Lake Superior.

**Fishing Licenses:** Only 24-hour licenses are available on the island, and only when Isle Royale Resort stores are open (see page 10). Purchase a Michigan fishing license in advance, and download a copy of the Michigan Fishing Guide at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**Disposal of Fish Remains:** Eliminate potential for attracting and feeding wildlife by reducing unsightly fish remains and odors. Clean fish away from docks and campgrounds. Do not throw remains into shallow water, to gulls, or to other wildlife. To dispose of remains:

- At Rock Harbor and Windigo, use the fish cleaning station.
- At other Lake Superior locations, deposit chopped remains (pieces 4” or less) into water at least 50' in depth.
- At interior lakes, deposit chopped remains (pieces 4” or less) into deep water via canoe or move at least 200' (75 steps) from campground and throw chopped remains as far as possible into deep water.

**Fish Consumption Advisory:** Fish in some interior lakes show elevated mercury levels. [Review safe fish consumption guidelines](#).

Fishing Regulations				
Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Possession Limit	Note
Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Salmon in Lake Superior	All Year	10" except 15" for Lake Trout	5 in any combination, but no more than 3 Lake Trout - only one Lake Trout 34" or greater	*1, *2
Lake Trout in Siskiwit Lake	April 16 - Oct 31			*2, *3, *4
Coaster Brook Trout in Lake Superior	Last Saturday in April - Labor Day	N/A	Catch and release only - No possession allowed.	*1
Brook Trout in Streams and Hidden Lake	Last Saturday in April - Labor Day	N/A	Catch and release only - No possession allowed.	*3, *4
Rainbow Trout in Streams		7"	5 fish with no more than 3 fish over 15"	
Lake Herring (Cisco) and Lake Whitefish in Interior Lakes	April 16 - Oct 31	N/A	Catch and release only	*3, *4
Yellow Perch in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes		No minimum size	50 Recommend Daily Limit of 10	
Northern Pike in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes	May 15 - Oct 31	Lake Superior 24" Interior no min size, 30" max	5 in any combination, but no more than 2 Northern Pike	*3, *4
Walleye in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes		15"		
Review the <a href="#">Michigan Fishing Guide</a> for additional fish species, seasons, creel limits, and 2021 regulation updates and changes.				
*1 Park boundaries extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas. *2 For additional trout/salmon fishing information, review the Michigan Fishing Guide. *3 Artificial lure means any lure or fly manufactured in imitation of, or as a substitute for, natural bait. It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on interior lakes and streams. *4 Only barbless hooks may be used for fishing in park interior lakes and streams. Barbed hooks are only allowed in Lake Superior waters.				



# Visitor Centers and Programs

Check local bulletin boards for updated information.  
Face masks required in buildings and when 6 feet of social distance cannot be maintained.  
Limited capacities in visitor centers.

ROCK HARBOR	
<b>Rock Harbor Visitor Center</b> Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes.	6/7 – 9/11: Daily 8:00 am to 5:30 pm eastern time Prior to 6/7 and after 9/11: Open intermittently
THE SANDY TOURS FROM ROCK HARBOR	
	<i>The Sandy tours are not operating.</i>
WINDIGO	
<b>Windigo Visitor Center</b> Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes.	6/7 – 9/11: Daily 8:00 am to 5:30 pm eastern time Prior to 6/7 and after 9/11: Open intermittently
HOUGHTON	
<b>Houghton Visitor Center</b> Information, planning, books, maps, <i>Ranger III</i> and group camping reservations, dive permits, boater camping permits, passes.	6/1 - 9/15: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm 9/16 - 5/31/2022: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed federal holidays

## Join a Workshop



The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) promotes the public’s understanding and appreciation of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park through education and research.

**Isle Royale Botany**.....June 7 - 12, 2021  
Participants explore early season plants in the Rock Harbor Area.

**Keweenaw Botany**.....July 6 - 8, 2021  
Explore the Keweenaw’s shorelines, ridges, forests, and wetlands.

**Isle Royale Night Sky Photography** .....August 31 - September 4, 2021  
Capture images of the night sky at this nature photography workshop.

More Workshop Information: [www.irkpa.org/workshops](http://www.irkpa.org/workshops)

# Isle Royale Resorts

## Rock Harbor

**Lakeside Lodge Rooms**  
Sixty rooms available; each accommodates four and offers private bath. Open 6/8 through night of 9/10.

**Housekeeping Cabins**  
Twenty duplex cottages accommodate six and are furnished with kitchenettes, utensils, dishware, private bath, double bed, and one bunk bed. Open 5/28 through night of 9/10.

**Gift Shop and Dockside Store**  
Handcrafted gifts, apparel, postcards, souvenirs, daily fishing licenses, and tackle. Store offers camping, hiking, and boating supplies, groceries, freeze-dried foods, fishing tackle, stove fuel, showers, laundry, and sundries. Gift Shop open 6/8 through 9/10; Dockside Store open 5/28 through 9/10.

**Lighthouse Restaurant and Greenstone Grill**  
Hearty meals, including lake trout. Everyone welcome for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Food service open 6/8 through breakfast on 9/11.

**Marina**  
450 feet of dock space, accommodating boats up to 65 feet. Electrical and fresh water hook-up, sewage pump-out, gasoline and diesel fuel, motorboat, canoe, and kayak rental. Services open 5/28 through 9/10.

**Fishing Charters**  
Charters are fully equipped for catching lake trout and salmon. Open 6/8 through 9/10.

**Water Taxis**  
Provides drop-off and pick-up services between Rock Harbor and McCargoe Cove on the north shore and Rock Harbor and Malone Bay on the south shore. Available 5/28 through 9/10.

## Windigo

**Windigo Store and Marina**  
Groceries, cold sandwiches, camping supplies, stove fuel, daily fishing licenses, tackle, gifts, and sundries. Marina offers gasoline, diesel, pump-out service, and motorboat, canoe and kayak rental. Showers and laundry available. Open 6/8 through 9/11.



**Windigo Camper Cabins**  
Two rustic cabins; each accommodates up to six and is furnished with table, chairs, full size futon, bunk beds with mattresses, electrical outlets and lighting. Each has a picnic table and propane grill. Water spigot and privy are nearby. Open 6/8 through night of 9/11.



**Contact Isle Royale Resorts**  
[www.rockharborlodge.com](http://www.rockharborlodge.com)  
Summer Phone: 906-337-4993  
Winter Phone: 866-644-2003  
Email: [info@isleroyaleresorts.com](mailto:info@isleroyaleresorts.com)



From Houghton, Michigan



Face masks required in and around all terminals and onboard all transportation.  
See websites for COVID-19 specifics related to each transportation provider.  
Fares and schedules are subject to change.

**Ranger III**  
6 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, NPS owned and operated.

**Schedule (eastern time)**  
**Outbound Island Trips**  
Houghton to Rock Harbor 9:00 am  
5/25–9/10.....T, F  
**Inbound Island Trips**  
Rock Harbor to Houghton 9:00 am  
5/26–9/11.....W, Sat  
**Fares**  
**One-Way**  
**Low Season (Before 7/6, after 8/28)**  
Adult.....\$55.00  
**High Season (7/6 – 8/28)**  
Adult.....\$70.00  
**All Season**  
Child (1–15).....\$35.00  
Infant (under 1).....Free  
Boat (less than 18'01").....\$100.00  
Boat (18'01" to 20'00").....\$150.00  
Canoe/Kayak.....\$30.00  
Canoe/Kayak (over 18ft/80lbs)..\$60.00  
100 lbs. gear per passenger.....Free  
Freight after 100lbs.....\$9.50/100wt.  
**Reservations**  
Payment required for confirmed reservation. Reservations accepted on or after January 2.  
**Cancellations**  
Refunds, minus a 15% processing fee, if cancellation received 3 days prior to sailing. No refund within 3 days of sailing.  
**Amenities**  
Free parking • Orientation and permits issued onboard  
**Contact Information**  
**Phone:** (906) 482-0984  
**Email:** ISRO\_Ranger3Reserve@nps.gov  
**Website:** [www.nps.gov/isro](http://www.nps.gov/isro)  
**No Ranger III Grill for 2021**  
Bring your own food and beverage for the 6-hour voyage.

From Copper Harbor, Michigan



**Isle Royale Queen IV**  
3.75 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, concession operated.

**Schedule (eastern time)**  
•Copper Harbor 8:00 am  
•Rock Harbor 2:45 pm  
5/14 – 6/4.....M, F  
6/7 – 6/29.....M, T, Th, F, Sat  
7/1 – 7/31.....M, T, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
8/1 – 8/31.....Every Day  
9/2 – 9/6.....M, T, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
9/10.....F  
**Fall Schedule**  
**Daisy Farm Only**  
9/13 - 10/1.....M, F  
•Copper Harbor 8:00 am  
•Daisy Farm 12:00 pm  
**Fares**  
**One-Way**  
**Low Season (5/14 – 6/29, 9/10 – 10/1)**  
•Adult.....\$67.50  
•Child (1 – 15).....\$55.00  
**High Season (7/1 – 9/6)**  
•Adult.....\$75.00  
•Child (1 – 15).....\$57.50  
**All Season**  
Infant (under 1).....Free  
Canoes/Kayaks.....\$30.00  
Double Kayaks.....\$40.00  
Inflatable Boats.....\$15.00  
70 lbs. gear per person.....Free  
**Reservations**  
Online reservations available at [www.isleroyale.com](http://www.isleroyale.com). Phone reservations also taken. Full-fare deposit required. Canoes and kayaks require reservations.  
**Cancellations**  
Refund is 85% if received prior to 1 week before sailing. No refund within 1 week of sailing. If canceling a group of 10 or more, 2 weeks notice is required.  
**Miscellaneous**  
Parking fee • Freight, canoes, etc. carried for passengers only • Baggage limited to 70 lbs. per passenger  
**Contact Information**  
The Isle Royale Line, Inc.  
**Phone:** (906) 289-4437  
**Email:** isleroyalequeen@gmail.com  
**Website:** [www.isleroyale.com](http://www.isleroyale.com)

From Grand Portage, Minnesota



**Voyageur II**  
2 hours to Windigo one-way, 5 hours Windigo to Rock Harbor one-way, concession operated.

**Schedule (central time)**  
•Grand Portage to Rock Harbor via Windigo/McCargoe Cove/Belle Isle  
7:30 am (8:30 am EDT)  
5/15 – 5/29.....W, Sat  
5/31 – 9/11.....M, W, Sat  
9/15 – 9/29.....W  
•Rock Harbor to Grand Portage via Daisy Farm/Chippewa Harbor/Malone Bay/Windigo 8:00 am (9:00 am EDT)  
5/16–5/30.....Th, Sun  
6/1 – 9/12.....T, Th, Sun  
9/16 – 9/30.....Th  
•Windigo Round Trip  
9/18 – 9/26.....Sat, Sun  
Grand Portage to Windigo.....8:00 am  
Windigo to Grand Portage.....1:00 pm  
(2:00 pm EDT)  
**Fares**  
**One-Way**  
**Grand Portage to Windigo**  
•Adult.....\$76.00  
•Child (4 – 15).....\$68.00  
•Child (3 and under).....Free  
**Grand Portage to any same-day stop beyond Windigo or any same-day stop beyond Windigo to Grand Portage**  
•Adult.....\$99.00  
•Child (4 – 15).....\$94.00  
**Inter-island travel between various same-day island stops**  
•Adult.....\$62.00 – 75.00  
•Child (4 – 15).....\$61.00 – 70.00  
**All Season**  
Canoe, Kayak.....\$40.00  
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....Free  
Additional freight..\$40.00 up to 100 lbs.  
**Reservations**  
Payment required for confirmed reservations.  
**Cancellations**  
Refund is 85% of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.  
**Miscellaneous**  
Parking fee • Fishing poles must be in protective cases • Hard gear must be in securely closed 2packs • Arrange freight in advance  
**Contact Information**  
Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.  
**Phone:** May - Oct: (218) 600-0765  
**Email:** [reservations@isleroyaleboats.com](mailto:reservations@isleroyaleboats.com)  
**Website:** [www.isleroyaleboats.com](http://www.isleroyaleboats.com)

From Grand Portage, Minnesota



**Sea Hunter III**  
1.5 hours one-way to Windigo, concession operated.

**Schedule (central time)**  
•Grand Portage to Windigo  
8:30 am (9:30 am EDT)  
6/9 – 7/10.....W, F, Sat  
7/14–8/15.....W, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
8/18–9/4.....W, F, Sat  
•Windigo to Grand Portage  
2:00 pm (3:00 pm EDT)  
6/19–7/10.....W, F, Sat  
7/14–8/15.....W, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
8/18–9/4.....W, F, Sat  
**Fares**  
**One-Way**  
Adult.....\$76.00  
Child (4 – 15).....\$68.00  
Child (3 and under).....Free  
Canoe, Kayak.....\$40.00  
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....Free  
Additional freight..\$40.00 up to 100 lbs.  
**Same-Day Round Trip**  
Adult.....\$87.00  
Child (4 – 15).....\$80.00  
Child (3 and under).....Free  
**Reservations**  
Payment required for confirmed reservations.  
**Cancellations**  
Refund is 85% of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.  
**Miscellaneous**  
Parking fee • Fishing poles must be in protective cases • Hard gear must be in securely closed packs • Sightseeing en route  
**Contact Information**  
Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.  
**Phone:** May - Oct: (218) 600-0765  
**Email:** [reservations@isleroyaleboats.com](mailto:reservations@isleroyaleboats.com)  
**Website:** [www.isleroyaleboats.com](http://www.isleroyaleboats.com)

From Michigan & Minnesota



**From Hancock, Michigan**

**Seaplane**  
35 - 45 minutes to Windigo or Rock Harbor each way, concession operated Cessna 206 and DeHavilland Beaver.

**Schedule**  
5/23 – 9/18.....Daily  
**Fares** (per person)  
**All Season**  
Round trip.....\$342.00  
One-way.....\$238.00  
Inter-island.....\$135.00  
Infant (under 2) .....Free

**From Grand Marais, Minnesota**

**Seaplane**  
30 minutes to Windigo each way, 45 minutes to Rock Harbor each way, concession operated Cessna 206.

**Schedule**  
5/23 – 9/18.....Daily  
**Fares** (per person)  
**All Season**  
Grand Marais to Windigo  
•Round trip.....\$300.00  
•One-way.....\$207.00  
Grand Marais to Rock Harbor  
•Round trip.....\$394.00  
•One-way.....\$270.00  
Arrive Rock Harbor, Depart Windigo .....\$347.00  
Arrive Windigo, Depart Rock Harbor .....\$347.00  
Inter-island.....\$135.00  
Infant (under 2) .....Free  
**Reservations**  
Payment required for confirmed reservation.  
**Cancellations**  
Full refund of fare, provided cancellation received at least fifteen days prior to departure.  
**Miscellaneous**  
Parking fee • Planes accommodate up to six passengers • Baggage is limited to 45 lbs. per person • Planes cannot carry stove fuel; selected fuels are available upon park arrival  
**Contact Information**  
Isle Royale Seaplanes  
**Phone:** (906) 483-4991  
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### Facebook

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[www.instagram.com/isleroyalnps](https://www.instagram.com/isleroyalnps)

### Email for General Information

ISRO\_ParkInfo@nps.gov

### Emergency use only

(440) 546-5945

## Rock Harbor Lodge

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## Weather Forecast

### for Isle Royale

[www.weather.gov/mqt](http://www.weather.gov/mqt)

## Keweenaw Convention and

### Visitors Bureau

[www.keweenaw.info](http://www.keweenaw.info)

Phone: 800-338-7982

## Minnesota's Grand Marais

### Visitor Information Center

[www.visitcookcounty.com](http://www.visitcookcounty.com)

Phone: 888-922-5000

# Support Our Parks

Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association

Visit [www.irkpa.org](http://www.irkpa.org) or call 906-483-8877



The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is the nonprofit partner of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park.

## Become a Member

Membership gives you the satisfaction of supporting the parks you love and provides you benefits, including a 10% discount on store purchases. Over the last five years, IRKPA has given more than \$100,000 to Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park. Join online or at a visitor center.

## IRKPA Store Locations

- Calumet Visitor Center
- Houghton Visitor Center
- Rock Harbor Visitor Center
- Windigo Visitor Center
- [www.irkpa.org/shop](http://www.irkpa.org/shop)

## Your purchases support Isle Royale National Park



Color Foot Trails and Water Routes, National Geographic map, and a scenic DVD to plan your trip.....\$34.95



New: Isle Royale Xplorer Map. Custom, hand-drawn map includes common plants and animals, lighthouses, and viewpoints. ....\$29.99



Introduce young explorers to the wonders of Isle Royale with rhyming verse, watercolor images, and photos.....\$9.95

Fees & Passes	Rates & Explanation
Daily Entrance Fee	\$7 per person per day to enter or remain in the park. Children 15 and younger are exempt.
Isle Royale Season Pass	\$60, valid from April 16 through October 31 of the year indicated. Pass covers fees for the pass holder and up to three adults traveling with the pass holder (four total).
Federal Lands Passes	Access, Annual, Military, and Senior Passes are honored. Pass covers fees for the pass holder and up to three adults traveling with the pass holder (four total).
4th & 5th Grade Pass	Through August 31, 2021, entrance fees will be waived for US students in 4th & 5th grade (and up to three accompanying adults). Student must present paper voucher or pass upon arrival. Go to <a href="http://everykidoutdoors.gov">everykidoutdoors.gov</a> to receive a voucher.

## Pay Park Fees Online

Visit [pay.gov](http://pay.gov) (search *Isle Royale*). Select the Isle Royale NP Individual Daily Pass or Isle Royale NP Season Pass Fees. Select "Continue." Upon online payment, you will receive an email receipt. Show your receipt as proof of payment upon arrival in the park.



## Commercial Groups, Special Use Permits, and Filming

### New application requirements for 2021

If you want to operate a business in the park, it's likely that you will need a commercial use authorization (CUA). Any individual, corporation, or organization that generates taxable income from providing services such as guided backpacking trips or fishing charters in the park, must first obtain a CUA.

New for 2021: Non-profit and educational institutions may also require a CUA. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/commercial-use-authorizations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/commercial-use-authorizations.htm).

Commercial still photography and special events (e.g., weddings, scattering ashes) require a Special Use Permit. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/special-use-permits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/special-use-permits.htm)

Filming projects may require permission from the superintendent. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/filming-and-still-photography-permits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/filming-and-still-photography-permits.htm).